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Silly with Sabretooth

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Owen Hudson, a Gr. 3 student at Garrison Rd. Public School has a laugh with Buffalo Sabres mascot Sabretooth on Tuesday when members of the team paid a visit to town, part of their 'Invade Canada' campaign.

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Sabres invade southern Ontario before start of season

Kris Dubé
Editor

The NHL season begins next month and one way the Buffalo Sabres are getting ready is reaching out to communities in southern Ontario.

The two-day campaign titled 'Invade Canada' on Monday and Tuesday involved stops at the St. Catharines Hospital, the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce, the Old Bank Bistro, Tim Horton's and Garrison Rd. Public School in Fort Erie.

Students assembled to the library to ask questions of Marcus Foligno, who played 47 games in his first NHL season last year.

Foligno was also joined by the Sabres' mascot Sabretooth and Rob Ray, arguably one of the club's most popular players from the 1990s who had at least 158 penalty minutes in each of his 12 full seasons with the Sabres.

Ted Black, president of the Sabres, was also part of the two-day caravan and said this initiative is important because of the large role Canadians have during the NHL season in Buffalo.

At Garrison Rd. Public School, Foligno and Ray read to students and fielded their questions.

"I hope this is a thrill for these kids that lasts a lifetime," said Black.

He said the tour is scheduled because it not only shows appreciation for supporters north of the border but can also provide opportunity to recruit new fans.

He said Fort Erie to Stoney Creek is considered a zone where many hockey fans wear the blue and gold.

"It's within our territory and we are looking to engage fans of all ages," said Black.

He said about 15% of season ticket holders are from Canada and the same amount purchases single game tickets on a regular basis.

Some of those ticket sales come from the wallets of Montreal and Toronto fans, but he feels many hockey fanatics from the area have a soft-spot for the Sabres.

"For the fans from southern Ontario who cheer for a Canadian team, I think Buffalo always has a warm spot in their heart," he said.

The Sabres kick off the 2013-14 regular season on the road against the Detroit Red Wings on Oct. 2 and will play their home opener on Oct. 4 against the Ottawa Senators.

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Former Buffalo Sabres tough guy Rob Ray shows his sensitive side, reading to students at Garrison Rd. Public School on Tuesday.

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Fort Erie and school boards making adjustments

Kris Dubé
Editor

The Town of Fort Erie will become more involved with school boards when a new facility is planned to be built in the municipality, after a decision made by council.

At last Tuesday's council-in-committee meeting, Fort Erie politicians voted in favour of a staff report that recommended that when a school board approves a new facility in Fort Erie, it will be subject to site plan control and site plan agreements through the local government.

The issue of how site plan approvals and agreements are being utilized by municipalities was brought up at a recent meeting between between area planners.

It's been recommended that a more consistent approach on a variety of local planning matters is put to use in the future.

The report approved by council outlines several existing approaches by Niagara municipalities and recommends changes to the way Fort Erie has communicated witb school boards on site plan control matters.

The Town of Fort Erie has typically asked school boards to supply site plans for new or significant additions to already existing facilities.

The board then provides draft site plans for comments from the municipality and other agencies.

Following this, the school boards work to finalize site plans.

"In some cases, these planning processes have been rather long in nature given that the school boards' consulting architects have not been quick in responding to issues raised by the Town or other review agencies," reads the staff report.

On occasion, building permits have been requested before the final site plan is registered.

"This has led to some confusion for the school boards and some frustration in the overall planning-building process," says the report.

Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular said he hopes this decision will create more barmony between school boards and the municipal government.

"This brings to everyone's attention the nuts and bolts that are needed when construction happens," said Shular.

Tuesday's meeting at Town Hall was also held on the first day of classes for students in Greater Fort Erie and Shular mentioned the progress being made on Peace Bridge Public School's $4.6 million renovation.

The construction project will accommodate the amalgamation of Fort Erie Elementary, Rose Seaton and General Vanier.

Peace Bridge Public School is General Vanier with a new name.

"They are a long way away from what I would deem a new, showcase school," said Shular.

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Road is up to standards for bus traffic

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The gymnasium and foyer of the building have not been completed and are expected to be finished by November, explained principal Cindy Kohinski on the first day of classes.

Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley said he received a call from a resident on Champlain Dr., the road that buses will use to drop off students.

Steckley asked if the road is in a sufficient condition to withstand the weight from buses using this route to the school on a regular basis.

Director of community planning development Rick Brady, said the road is up to code for handling frequent bus traffic.

> **"This is the way to try and deal with that issue."**
>
> *— Rick Brady*

But he said the purpose of the report before council is to create a solution if a matter such as this were to arise in the future.

"This is the way to try and deal with that issue," said Brady.

The fire department also inspected the site on Tuesday and the weekend and did not find any reason to be concerned about student safety.

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Patty Moss, back, with her sons Ethan and Camron having a look at a butterfly at the Fort Erie Conservation Club. On Sept. 21, she will provide her expertise on the insects at a Butterfly Festival. Read the whole story on page 18.

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Do You Remember?

Last week's photo of the volleyball team was taken about 1990. These girls and their coach were from Fort Erie Senior Elementary School. Our thanks to Barbara Gardiner who identified her husband Ron Gardiner as the coach and science teacher at the school. Thanks as well to Trish Sullivan for identifying the volleyball team - back row, left to right Tracey Divinny, Shari Bornell, Christine Eggleton, Charlene (or Christine) Tait, Terry Elliott, Mr. Gardiner. Front row, left to right, Chrissy Vandervalk, Kelly Parton, Missy Miller, Karen Robinson (Morin), unknown and Pam Burton.

This week's photo shows Fort Erie mayor John Teal drawing a winning ballot. If you know any of the girls in the photo or what the contest was about, please call the Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca

Bay Beach continues to be an exhausting topic

Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

It's been over a month since Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts has brought up his biggest pet peeve in the council chambers.

Although the Fort Erie politician who serves the Crystal Beach area has made it crystal clear that he does not support the idea of a 12-storey condo in his ward along the waterfront, I'm pretty sure it is still his favourite thing to talk about.

He campaigned against the project and after being elected by a large margin almost three years ago and today, it's still his priority.

The project has been approved and in my opinion, most people who did not see the merit of the development have moved on to more important things in their lives.

There certainly is a group of residents who I estimate will never back down and once construction begins, will likely protest near the site.

I don't know this for sure, but after seven years of experience in working for the Fort Erie Times, I've come to realize that this is how things work in Greater Fort Erie.

Residents are as persistent as they can be, on both sides of this politically-divided community and neither group finds it easy admitting they were wrong about something.

Lubberts was elected on this one issue and anyone who voted for him should be thankful that he is a man of his word.

He sticks to his guns.

But at the same time, where do people draw the line? When do people start asking their elected representative to also give attention to other issues.

At last Tuesday's council-in-committee meeting, Lubberts drilled the Town of Fort Erie's director of community planning and development, Rick Brady, with questions about the condo development.

His first concern was whether or not the Town would be changing the property's zoning to commercial because he had read somewhere that the developer plans to rent some of the building's units.

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opinion page

Update on the 'cup of java' with good, bad and ugly about coffee

Studies indicate that coffee can help reduce risk of diabetes caused by obesity

Dr. Gifford Jones
The Doctor's Game

A glowing ad once stated: "A very wholesome and physical drink that helpeth indigestion, quickeneth the spirits, maketh the heart lightsome, is good against eye sores, coughs, headache, gout and the King's evil."

It was the year 1657, when coffee was first introduced into London, England from the Middle East. And what was the King's evil?

In recent years people have considered coffee drinking a questionable habit with some refusing coffee for health reasons. So what are the pros and cons for drinking a cup of java?

First, the good news. Coffee contains more than 1,000 naturally occurring chemicals.

Caffeine is actually a natural pesticide that helps to protect coffee plants from predators. Brewed coffee contains between 60 to 120 milligrams of caffeine that stimulates the nervous system, improving alertness and mood.

It's therefore not surprising that a British Medical Journal reports an Australian study that shows caffeine decreased the risk of accidents for long-distance truck drivers.

More than 20 studies show that coffee also helps to reduce the risk of Type 2 diabetes caused by obesity.

Coffee contains chlorogenic acid which decreases the absorption of glucose from the bowel. The less glucose in the blood, the less strain on insulin production. But coffee is of no help for those who already have diabetes.

What about the risk of cardiovascular disease? Finnish researchers followed 20,000 coffee-loving Finns for 10 years. They concluded that coffee and non-coffee drinkers shared the same risk of coronary attack or dying of heart disease.

In 2012 a large German study reached the same conclusion. Later, a Norwegian study reported that older women, drinking one to three cups of coffee daily, were 24% less likely to die of cardiovascular disease than non-drinkers.

For years people have worried about the effect of coffee on blood pressure, but there is no consensus on this issue. A Finnish study of 27,000 healthy men and women who took coffee revealed that after 13 years there was a 14% greater risk of hypertension.

However, a Harvard study of 45,000 people, failed to link coffee with increased blood pressure. And even better news, a Swedish study revealed a decreased risk of stroke.

A report in Experimental Neurobiology states that coffee appears to have a protective effect against the development of Parkinson's disease.

The Finns love their java and those who consumed 10 or more cups daily had an astounding 84% decreased risk of developing this disease. In addition, those who drank six or more cups daily had a 40% decreased risk of gout.

The news about cancer is good and bad.

Some studies show a link to pancreatic malignancy, an increase in leukemia, stomach and bladder cancer. But other research shows protection against colon, rectal and liver cancer.

Do you want to live longer? A report in the New England Journal of Medicine shows that those who drank at least two cups of coffee (regular or decaf) were 10 to 15% less likely to die over a 14-year period.

Now the bad, bad news. Studies show that only 35% of people drink coffee black.

Milk, cream and sugar add calories. Moreover, specialty shops have added significant calories to a cup of java.

So it pays to be prudent about what you add. The best choice is skim milk or low fat milk. Or consider artificial sweeteners, cinnamon or spices that don't add calories or fat. But whatever way you like your java you end up with a cup that contains either a low of 16 calories or a whopping 500.

It's also prudent for pregnant women to limit the intake of coffee. Some studies show that excessive amounts of coffee increase the risk of miscarriage.

So enjoy your cup of java. Common sense dictates that not many evils lurk in coffee unless it's overloaded.

But could a cup of java cure "the King's evil?"

Years ago, it was believed that the King's touch could cure a tuberculosis swelling of lymph glands in the neck.

This royal touch was first used by Edward the Confessor. Later folk lore has it that Charles II touched 90,000 victims. My bet is these people should have stayed home.

See the web site www.docgiff.com.

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Four generations

Submitted

Lucie Mercier holds baby Dallas Wolbert (Paquin) along with Marilyn Paquin and Maryse Muise, representing four generations of their family from Fort Erie.

Facebook comments are not planning documents

From Page 6

Brady said that wouldn't be happening, using the hundreds of cottages in Crystal Beach that are rented during the summer months as an example.

The Town doesn't need to apply a zoning change to the abundance of lots in Crystal Beach because people pay to stay there for a short period of time and the condo building is not any different.

Condos being rented is rather common in other areas, according to Brady.

The next observational tidal wave from Lubberts involved the location of public washrooms and questions surrounding the possible existence of a private pool at the site.

In summary, he wants the site plan to return to council for another examination.

I'm not a planner, nor I have I been as involved in this project as much as Lubberts has over the last few years, even before he became a councillor when he sat on the neighbourhood plan committee.

I'm not challenging his knowledge of how this project came about because I'm not in a position to do that.

Lubberts has been far more involved than I have and paid much closer attention to the fine details.

It's not my opinion that Lubberts doesn't have the right to continue raising questions about a project that has been approved for a long time.

But what I am saying, is that senior planning staff at Town Hall do know more about the project than Lubberts.

And since Lubberts never mentioned where he was getting all this information, other than small talk with residents and an illustration in a brochure, here's a claim based on casual conversations I've had around town.

People are exhausted from hearing about Bay Beach. They were two years ago.

People who were against the project, who I actually get along with really well (believe it or not) are tired of it still being a topic of discussion.

And if there is a breakthrough from Lubberts and his supporters that they are right about, I expect it will need to be derived from an actual planning document and not just from comments he's read on Facebook, promotional literature or through coffee shop talk.

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1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario

The Strong Communities Through Affordable Housing Act, 2011 proposed a wide range of actions to improve the affordable housing system, including amendments to the Planning Act. The changes relating to second dwelling units came into effect on January 1, 2012.

While the Strong Communities Through Affordable Housing Act requires municipalities to permit accessory apartment and/or second dwelling units, municipalities are responsible for determining what standards or zoning provisions should apply to them. The Town of Fort Erie has initiated a housekeeping amendment to the Town's Official Plan and Zoning By-law to amend the policies and regulations for accessory apartments and second dwelling units. The proposed Official Plan amendment includes policies to permit accessory apartments within semi-detached and townhouse dwellings. The proposed Zoning amendment includes provisions for regulating accessory apartments within single detached, semi-detached and townhouse dwellings. The proposed Zoning by-law amendment also includes provisions to permit second dwelling units.

The objective of the informal public meeting is to gather the views and opinions of the public prior to Town Council considering the amendment. A future Public meeting will be held with Council at their meeting of November 4th, 2013. Town staff will be available to address any of your questions, comments, or concerns.

For more information, please contact Matt Kernahan, MCIP, RPP, Senior Development Planner at: (905) 871-1600 extension 2507 or mkernahan@town.forterie.on.ca

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

1137 SUNSET DRIVE

OWNER: 1760013 ONTARIO LTD. (ALFRED BEAM)

Applications: 350309-0369

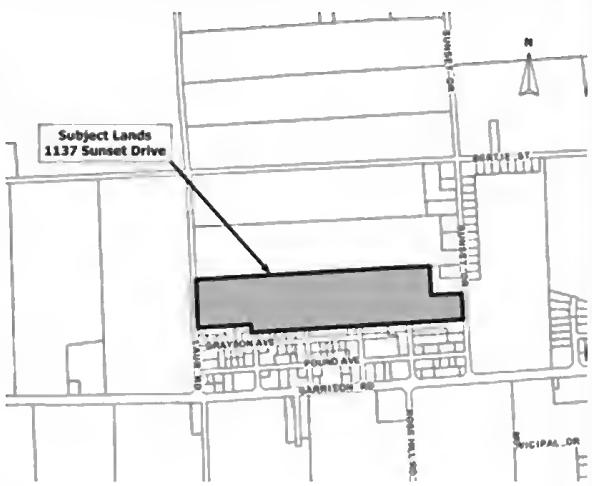
DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2013 • TIME: 6:00 PM • LOCATION: TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PROPOSED CHANGE

The Town of Fort Erie recently received an application for a Zoning By-law Amendment for the lands located on the west side of Sunset Drive, north of Grayson Avenue with the municipal address 1137 Sunset Drive. The subject lands consist of approximately 8 hectares of land partially occupied by a Provincially Significant Wetland and woodlot, 10 hectares +/- of lands in agricultural production and 1.134 hectares of land proposed as a surplus farm dwelling lot.

The applicant has submitted a concurrent consent application to the Committee of Adjustment to sever the existing dwelling as surplus to an existing farm operation. The remnant agricultural parcel will remain in agricultural production and is proposed to be rezoned for Agricultural Purposes Only. To bring the severed parcel into compliance with the Zoning By-law regulations for the Agricultural A Zone, the applicant must rezone the lands.

The subject property is zoned Agricultural (A) Zone which permits the existing single detached dwelling and accessory structures. The proposed lot area is 1.134 hectares whereas Section 7.3 of the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 129-90 requires a minimum lot area of 20 hectares. The proposed lot frontage is 95.402 metres whereas Section 7.3 of the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 129-90 requires a minimum lot frontage of 180 metres. A number of site specific amendments are also proposed to recognize existing deficient setbacks. The applicant is requesting that the severed parcel be rezoned from an Agricultural A Zone to a site-specific Agricultural A Zone and that the remnant parcel will be rezoned Agricultural Purposes Only with site specific provisions to permit reduced lot area and frontage.



HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the Public Meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do one of the above now, you may not be able to appeal the decision later.

MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Matt Kernahan, Senior Development Planner at (905) 871-1600 extension 2507 or **mkernahan@town.forterie.on.ca** A copy of the Information Report will be available to the public on October 3rd, 2013. The information report will be available in the Council agenda portion of the Town's Web Site: **www.town.forterie.on.ca** or from the Community and Development Services Department.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Zoning By-law Amendment, please send a letter c/o the Town Clerk Carolyn Kett, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6 or an email to **ckett@town.forterie.on.ca**

PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Fort Erie has not yet made a decision regarding this application.

After considering any written comments and the comments from the public meeting, a Recommendation Report will be prepared for a future Council-in-Committee meeting.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law amendment before the By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Fort Erie to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law amendments before the By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board, unless in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk and such request should include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

Dated this 12th day of September, 2013

Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk

Richard F. Brady, MA, MCIP, RPP, Director of Community and Development Services

Vote on Region's CAO delayed a week

Grant Lafleche
QMI Agency Niagara

Selection of a new chief administrative officer at Niagara Region will have to wait another week.

A special session of regional council set for Thursday night to vote on a committee recommendation for the new CAO was cancelled by Regional Chair Gary Burroughs.

Burroughs said key documents arrived too late for councillors to digest them.

"Those background documents did not arrive until 9 a.m. (Thursday), so I made the decision to postpone the meeting until next week," he said. "If councillors want to do it before that, the bylaw allows us to schedule a meeting with 48 hours notice."

Burroughs also said he wanted give the committee's CAO candidate an extra day to accept the offer.

Although the meeting was cancelled Thursday morning, 10 of the 31 regional councillors decided to go to regional headquarters anyway. They requested a Standard reporter meet with them so they could express their displeasure at the cancellation.

St. Catharines councillor Alan Caslin characterized the postponement of the meeting by Burroughs as an "abuse of power," something Burroughs vehemently denied.

"This is tyranny of the majority," Caslin said. "We need leadership. We need change."

Welland Mayor Barry Sharpe called it highly unusual for a special meeting of council to be cancelled, although the bylaws do not govern how or when such a meeting can be cancelled. It's within the power of a council chair to postpone a meeting.

Port Colborne councillor David Barrick said since the CAO is the only staff member the council hires directly, and is the one councillors

Gary Burroughs

most rely on, a delay in voting on the recommended person — whose name has not been released — is unacceptable.

St. Catharines councillor Bruce Timms said without a CAO, council cannot proceed on important issues like water and sewer services.

The position has been vacant for approximately three months.

"If the lack of a CAO is not killing us, it is certainly delaying us," he said. "It is slowing us down."

The councillors — including mayors Doug Joyner of West Lincoln and Jim Diodati of Niagara Falls, and Niagara Falls councillor Selina Volpatti — also suggested the postponement was done to allow councillors who could not attend Thursday to make it next week.

Those councillors could be enough to tip the votes against the committee's recommended candidate.

"That is absolutely not the case, at least not from my point of view," Burroughs said.

The meeting has been rescheduled for Sept. 12. Burroughs said he "absolutely" expects the meeting to go ahead on that date.

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Attention Residents

The Town's Municipal Law Enforcement Department would like to remind residents of Lot Maintenance By-Law 165-08, particularly section 4(1):

Other than on properties zoned for agricultural operations, turf must be kept trimmed to a maximum length of 20 centimetres (6 inches), including the grassy boulevard portion of any highway or part thereof, in front of alongside or at the rear of any building or property.

Residents are reminded to cut and maintain their lawns to a maximum height of six (6) inches throughout the spring and summer seasons. Municipal Law Enforcement Officers will be enforcing this By-Law during this time. Failure to comply with this By-Law may result in the Town having the grass cut at the owner(s) expense.

Enquiries may be made to Municipal Law Enforcement Officers: Geoff Stephenson (Extension 2216) and Matt Richardson (Extension 2215).

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Want to know more? Visit one of two Open Houses – September 16 at the Central Station on Central Avenue or September 17 at Station #4 on Ridge Road. Both Open Houses start at 7:00 p.m. More information about the recruitment process and an application form are available at Town Hall, any Fire Hall and at our website http://www.town.forterie.ca/pages/EmploymentOpportunities by clicking on the **view attachments** link. The deadline for receiving applications is **5:00 p.m., Monday, September 30, 2013.** Only those persons selected for an interview will be contacted.

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It's that time of year again...

cast your vote for Fort Erie's Finest 2013. This annual award is determined by you. Simply indicate your favourite person or business for each category listed below.

Deadline for entries is Friday, October 15, 2013. Once you've filled in your selections for Fort Erie's Finest, please tear out page and mail or drop off to The Fort Erie Times, 450 Garrison Rd., Unit #1, Fort Erie L2A 1N2.

No facsmiles accepted. Emails with "My Vote" in subject line to myrarobertson@sunmedia.ca by midnight October 15th.

Only categories listed will be considered for awards

RESTAURANTS

Breakfast Special _____
Chicken Wings _____
Chinese Cuisine _____
Coffee _____
Dessert _____
Donuts _____
Drive-Thru _____
Fish & Chips _____
French Fries _____
Hamburgers _____
Healthy Alternatives _____
Ice Cream _____
Italian Dishes _____
Local Chef _____
Pizza _____
Poutine _____
Ribs _____
Sandwiches _____
Spaghetti _____
Steak _____
Subs _____
Tacos _____
Waiter/Waitress _____

BARS

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Karaoke _____
Party Bar _____
Sports Bar _____

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Bakery _____
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Deli _____
Meat _____
Price _____
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Selection _____
Seafood _____

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Caterer _____
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Chiropractor _____
Dance Studio _____
Day Care _____
Dentist _____
Doctor _____
Dog Training _____
Dry Cleaners _____
Electrician _____
Esthetics _____
Financial Institution _____
Financial Planner _____
Funeral Director _____
Gas Station _____
Golf Course _____
Hairstylist _____
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Insurance Company _____
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Lawyer _____
Limousines _____
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STORES

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Convenience Store _____
Flooring Store _____
Drug Store _____
Electronics Store _____
Florist _____
Frame/Art Supply Store _____
Garden Centre _____
Gift Baskets _____
Hardware Store _____

Jewellery Store _____
Lumber Yard _____
Optical Store _____
Paint/Wallpaper Store _____
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Specialty Cakes _____
Tackle Shop _____
Tire Store _____
Unique Gift Store _____
Used Car Dealer _____
Used Clothing _____
Window Coverings _____

Agencies doing great things with United Way funding

Campaign kick off Sept. 18 at McDonald's on Garrison Rd.

Jen Pellegrini, United Way campaign chair
Guest Column

In the many years I was a reporter – first at The Times, and then at its sister-publication, The Review – I wrote many stories about the agencies assisted by the United Way.

The faces may change from year to year or city to town, but the focus always remained the same: the great things the individual programs were able to do for people in our community, thanks to the financial support of the United Way.

It's been five years since I have had an opportunity to share people's stories in the paper, but as Campaign Chair for Fort Erie's 2013 United Way campaign, I'm happy to share mine.

I have been fortunate in my life that I have been healthy enough and comfortable enough to have never needed the services provided by the agencies the United Way supports but many people I do know have benefitted from them.

There are all kinds of reasons why they have accessed the services – short-term financial challenges, an elderly parent, a child who needs an older role model to guide them through the challenges of life.

And without fail, each of these people have shared with me how much having the services they need, right here in their own community, meant to them.

As Fort Erie's residents go, I'm a relative newcomer.

I moved here 14 years ago and it didn't take long for me to consider this my home. When the annual United Way workplace campaign comes along each year at the Niagara Catholic District School Board, I sign my form and request that my funds go to the United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie, so that the people I see in the grocery store, on my walks with the dog and at events in this community get the help they need.

This year's United Way campaign gets under way on Sept. 18 at McDonald's.

Stop by and grab a bite to eat – 30% of sales that day will be donated to Fort Erie's United Way campaign.

People talk a lot about the campaign goal, and that's important. Last year's campaign raised more than $205,000 for agencies like Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie and the Fort Erie Supper Club through the Boys and Girls Club of Niagara.

But this year, we don't just want to raise more money, we want to attract more donors. In short, we'd like to put 'you' back into the United Way.

If your workplace has an annual United Way campaign, I encourage you to please sign up and give what you can.

If your workplace campaign has been dormant for a while or you haven't had one before, call the office to see how easy setting up a campaign is.

Fort Erie is an incredibly generous community. We've seen it many times in many different ways.

We come together to help our neighbours in need.

That's what I'm asking you to do this year.

It doesn't matter if it's one dollar a week, or a one-time donation of $1,000 – all contributions are appreciated. And if you'd like to hold a one-day fundraiser to support the United Way during this fall's campaign, we'd appreciate that, too.

If you have questions about how to set up a United Way workplace campaign, would like to know more about the United Way or would like to have an individual or workplace fundraising event and need information or other support, please call the office at 905-354-9342 or email me at jenpellegrini@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your support and we'll see you at McDonald's.

Brimstone partner heading to brewmaster school

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

The Brimstone Brewing Company was hoping to open to the public by the end of August, but instead they will wait a few more weeks to gain additional experience.

Rod Daigle, of Brimstone Brewing Company said that he was accepted to the Siebel Institute of Technology the week before Aug. 24, for a 12-week brewmasters program.

"It happened really quickly, there is normally about a two-year wait to get into Siebel, but they had an opening so I jumped on it," he said.

Because he will be spending Sept. 15 to the first week of December studying between Siebel's campuses in Chicago and Germany, a soft opening is expected to take place mid-December.

The Siebel Institute of Technology has been a part of the Chicago landscape since 1872. The mandate of the school has always been to provide a world-class brewing education.

When Daigle returns from his 12-week course he will be a certified brewmaster.

The venture to open Brimstone Brewing Company in Ridgeway started as an idea over two years ago for Daigle and Jason Pizzicarola.

Daigle said that when the idea was born they always knew they wanted to be able to one day expand their operations, which would require him to attend school to become a brewmaster.

"It just happened a little quicker than we expected," he said.

There are only a handful of nano-breweries serving craft beer in Canada, Brimstone is one of them.

"Nano just means we produce small amounts, we're actually about as nano as they get," he said.

Because of the rapid movement of Diagle's acceptance into brewmaster school, they will be putting in a bid to get a bigger brewery, which they hope to have complete in the spring.

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Jason Pizzicarola, left, and Rod Daigle from the Brimstone Brewing Company in their field of hops earlier this summer.

Craft beer an acquired taste

From Page 15

The expansion would see the installation of 15 barrels, which would put them in the microbrewery category, which is a little more well known.

Though they are licensed as a retail store, a commercial brewery and tavern, they haven't opened to the public yet.

"We're licensed for it and we actually did a couple festivals in Ridgeway over the summer. When I return from Siebel we'll be able to get things going with the soft opening," he said.

Craft beer is often described as an acquired taste, but Daigle said the response they have received from the community and entire area has been positive, which has also helped them to speed up their expansion.

Craft beer is something that some people aren't familiar with and its taste is far more noticeable than other ales and lagers on the market.

"Craft beer has a lot more flavour than perhaps what most people are used to," he said.

During Daigle's time studying at Siebel Institute of Technology in Chicago and their academy in Munich, he hopes to keep up-to-date with a blog that he will put out each Friday, which can be followed on their Facebook page.

Fore more information on Brimstone Brewing Company visit them at www.brimstonebrewing.ca, or like them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BrimstoneBrewing

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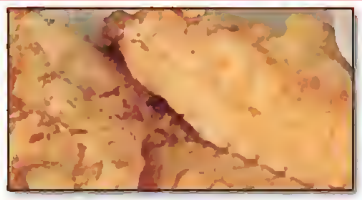

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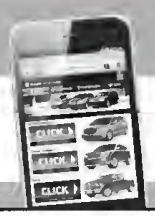

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Golfing for a cause

KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

The foursome of Steve Davis, back left, Brenda Upson, Jim Randall and Peter Vanvervalk before teeing off at the annual Michael N. Anderson Douglas Memorial Hospital Foundation golf tournament at Bridgewater Country Club last Friday. This year's tournament raised about $25,000 that will go toward purchasing new equipment at the Niagara Health System's Douglas Memorial site.

Correction: St. Joseph's one of four Catholic schools

In last week's issue, the Fort Erie Times accidentally left St. Joseph's Catholic School out of a story.

We covered the first day of students in the Niagara District Catholic School Board having to abide by a standardized dress code and wrote there are only three Catholic schools in Fort Erie and didn't include St. Joseph's as one of four.

We regret the error.

Butterfly Festival flying into Stevensville

The Bert Miller Nature Club is teaming up with the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and the Fort Erie Conservation Club to present the first-ever Butterfly Festival in Greater Fort Erie on Sept. 21.

The event, which will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fort Erie Conservation Club in Stevensville, will be packed with plenty of family-friendly activities.

Those attending can discover the wonders of nature through workshops, videos and guided hikes.

There will also be lots of crafts and other activities to keep the younger ones busy.

One of the highlights of the day will be a Monarch Butterfly tagging demonstration.

The tagged butterflies will then be released to provide scientists with valuable information as the insects begin their journey south.

Displays from more than a dozen nature-related organizations will be located throughout the conservation area, offering information on their services and activities.

A native plant sale and a community planting event will round out the day's activities.

Those willing to lend a hand with the plantings are urged to bring a trowel and gloves.

A hot dog and sausage barbecue will also be offered for anyone who gets hungry and proceeds will benefit the Bert Miller Nature Club and its events.

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Caitlyn Macinnis, a 13-year-old from Fort Erie, was recently the winner of Niagara's Got Talent.

Fort Erie singer wins Niagara's Got Talent

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

For many people getting up on stage and performing in front of an audience may sound scary and impossible, but for 13-year-old Caitlyn MacInnis of Fort Erie, performing is something she thrives on.

"I've been dancing for a long time and I've always loved it. Being on stage and performing is something that has always been easy for me. I love the audience," said MacInnis.

She recently competed at the Niagara's Got Talent competition held at Ravine Vineyard and Winery over the Labour Day long weekend.

To the surprise of MacInnis and her mom, she came in first place.

"There was a lot of talent there, we were pretty shocked when she won," said her mom Terri MacInnis.

Caitlyn didn't expect to take home first place at the competition either.

"This was my first singing competition. It was really fun and I really enjoyed it. It was really exciting and I didn't expect to win it. I was happy and shocked," she said.

For winning she was presented with an award and recording time with Tangerine Studios. She is currently working on the lyrics for her song and the studio engineers will help her put music to it.

For Niagara's Got Talent she performed three songs that she personally chose. She chose 'Good Morning Baltimore' to open because she said it was upbeat and a good way to open her set. Her second song 'Feeling Good' she chose because she felt that it suited her voice. She closed her set with 'Life of the Party,' which she feels has a strong ending.

For being just 13, Caitlyn has embraced her gift to be on stage and has performed in the productions of Annie, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Peter Pan with Silver Mist Productions out of Niagara Falls.

"I get teary eyed every time she gets up on stage. I'm always very proud of her," said her mom.

Caitlyn's dedication to performing has her busy five to seven nights a week. She said because there wasn't really an opportunity for her when she attended school in Fort Erie to expand her performing she did a lot of traveling to grow and get extra stage time.

She plans to carry on with entertaining in the future, both acting and singing.

"Someday I hope to go to Broadway. As long as it involves me being on stage."

Her mom said when she was younger she was always the first one out on the stage for dance, and was always the kid in the group who would sing the loudest.

"She's always wanted to be seen," said Terri.

Her advice to other young people who want to get into theatre or singing is to get involved at school as much as possible.

"Try to push yourself. Push your limits. Get involved in drama clubs and classes. Find some talent shows and get involved in those too - you have to start somewhere," she said.

The arts is thriving in Fort Erie now and there's more events for kids to get involved in than there was in the past.

Expect Caitlyn to become a familiar face in Fort Erie. If time permits, she is hoping to get involved in local festivals and talent shows.

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Pre–season interviews

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Marcus Foligno from the Buffalo Sabres fields some questions from students at Garrison Rd. Public School on Tuesday. He was asked how many times he's been injured, how many games he has won and how many shootout goals he's had in his career.

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Bouquet to Fort Erie fans

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Bouquet to potential candidates

This is a bouquet to people in the community who are kicking around the idea of putting their name on the ballot for next year's municipal election. I expect some will be members of the current council, councillors from the past and people who will be making their first attempt at running for office. It's going to be interesting to see this heat up in the next little while.

Bouquet to new group

This is a bouquet to the Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library, a new group that was announced at this week's council meeting. It sounds like they have some great and interesting ideas that will help raise funds for all three of Fort Erie's library branches.

Brick and bouquet in one

Bouquet to councillors who attended the Waterfront Trail Bikers and realizing how great this event can become in following years. I'd like to send a brick to the local elected representatives that were missing from greeting these tired bikers as they crossed the finish line.

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Applications are accepted from any graduating student who resides in Fort Erie and is going to be pursuing post-secondary education within one year's time from graduation.

Charlie was matched with many children in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and was a volunteer who had a heart of gold and dedication beyond belief, says BBBS of South Niagara.

The agency is grateful to know him and cherishes his support and generosity, which has been consistent throughout the years. Charlie is a person who "makes a difference" in the lives of others, says BBBS.

"It is our pleasure to award students pursuing post secondary education financial support through this bursary," says the agency.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF SOUTH NIAGARA Submitted

Charile Jones, Bonnie Morden from Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Niagara with Mariah Kozlowski, Ashley Teal and Abigail Webb, this year's recipients of the Charlie Jones bursary.

Public Notice

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Chamber of Commerce getting ready for annual trade show

With more than 50 exhibitors from across the region selling their wares and showcasing services, the public won't want to miss the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce's Trade Show on Sept. 19.

It will be held at the Leisureplex from 3 to 8 p.m.

"There is no admission charge to the event and everyone is welcomed to stop in for information, demonstrations, door prizes, free samples, and an opportunity to meet the business community," said Karen Audet, operations manager at the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce. "The larger Leisureplex venue has attracted an exceptional line up of businesses including vendors promoting everything from chocolate, jams, gelato, beverages, kitchenware, outdoor furniture, electric scooters, health, beauty, artwork, books, giftware, home and office, technology, pet care, greenhouses, a display from the Canadian Motor Speedway, and more."

There is no admission charge to attend the trade show and the public is encouraged to meet local merchants, browse the booths, make purchases, enjoy the cash bar, door prizes, demonstrations, free samples, giveaways and networking opportunities.

"Exhibitor booths are sold out and we are thrilled for the opportunity to bring business and community together for a fantastic few hours," said Audet.

"The success of the event is highly dependent upon the attendance and we are hopeful that many from our town and across the region will mark their calendars and stop in to check it out."

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Hudak says let Niagara casinos take on competition

Tony Ricciuto
QMI Agency Niagara

Niagara's casinos should be allowed to compete and the provincial government should not restrict their ability to do so, Ontario Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak says.

"We are seeing fewer Americans coming across the border, and we are seeing more Canadians going across the border there. The problem is that we have two bosses, the company running it and the OLG second guesses every decision," said Hudak. "Let's get off their backs. Let's not tell them where they have to put every slot machine or a fireplace in the washrooms. Let them actually compete and sell their product. That will bring more jobs and more investment here."

Last month, city council passed a resolution asking Premier Kathleen Wynne to allow more casinos in the Honeymoon Capital and to direct Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. to include the city's two existing ones in its modernization plan.

OLG outlined a proposal to modernize the industry last year. It focuses on improving customer service, securing operators for the day-to-day operations, and renewing OLG's role in the management and oversight of the sector.

Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati said his city is the top gaming destination in Canada and a global brand that attracts millions of tourists. That would make it the logical place to expand the gaming sector and attract more tourism, jobs, investment and spending.

On Thursday, Hudak was in Niagara Falls to tour the Washington Mills Electro Minerals Corp. plant on Stanley Ave. He talked to management and staff about manufacturing jobs and the economy.

"Manufacturing has been a backbone for us in the Niagara region and the province as a whole," said Hudak. "It helped to build our middle class and make it strong. The problem is that we've lost 300,000 manufacturing jobs. Here in Niagara, two out of five manufacturing jobs have disappeared in the last 10 years."

Hudak said other political parties see manufacturing jobs as a thing of the past, a smoke stack relic of the last century. But manufacturing can still have a bright future if the right decisions are made today.

"We need to get these jobs back to Ontario, back to Niagara, and that involves getting our hydro rates under control, doing more in the skilled trades through our colleges, like Niagara and encouraging companies like Washington Mills to invest in the latest technology to compete against the best in the world."

Regional Coun. Bart Maves, the former Progressive Conservative MPP for Niagara Falls, said more needs to be done to keep companies like Washington Mills in Niagara.

Sandro Borghesi, a vice-president of Washington Mills, said competition is "very heavy from companies overseas" and they are always looking for ways to improve efficiency.

To save hydro costs, he adds, some machinery is operated at off peak times. However, even though his company is located close to where electricity is being generated, a big component of their bill is the transmission cost. They pay the same rate as a company located up north.

"We are so close to the source, so to us that seems unfair. That's why the company was located here in the first place," said Borghesi.

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Ontario Progressive Conservative leader and Fort Erie native Tim Hudak at a press conference at Queen's Park earlier this week.

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Students are friends of creeks too

Each year, the Friends of Fort Erie's Creeks offers summer co-op opportunities to secondary and post-secondary students interested in environmental issues.

Typically, students spend their summer months assisting technicians with the environmental monitoring and restoration of all waterhouses located within the boundaries of Fort Erie's watershed.

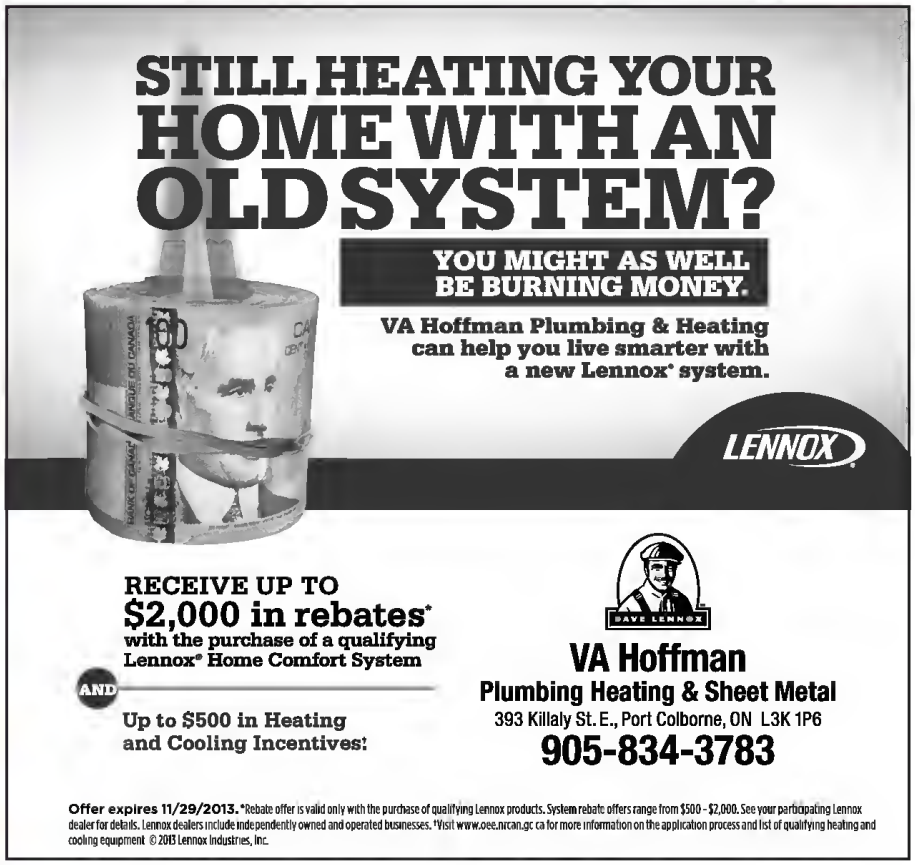
Students are given the opportunity to work with state-of-the-art surface water sampling equipment in the field and laboratory, while learning to interpret the data obtained with these instruments.

This summer, FOFEC retained services from students at Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School and Niagara College.

FOFEC would like to express its sincere appreciation to Toronto Dominion Bank's Friends of the Environment Foundation and Service Canada for funding this year's summer works program.

FRIENDS OF FORT ERIE'S CREEKS Submitted

Jordan Lukacs, Julia Williams, Andy Bolton, Nicole Toth and Friends of Fort Erie's Creeks program supervisor Brie Smalldon.



Documentary coming to Niagara for one night only

Screening will be fundraiser for Marineland whistle blowers

John Law
QMI Agency Niagara

The acclaimed documentary Blackfish is heading to Niagara for a one-night-only screening Sept. 27.

One of the year's best-reviewed films is already a frontrunner for Best Documentary at next year's Oscars. It examines the captivity of killer whale Tilikum at Orlando's SeaWorld, and his role in the deaths of three trainers, most recently Dawn Brancheau in 2010.

Since its premiere at the Sundance Film Festival in January, the film has generated huge media buzz on the already volatile issue of whales in captivity, with SeaWorld claiming the film "paints a distorted picture" about the industry. The film so affected animation giant Pixar, it changed the ending of its upcoming sequel to Finding Nemo, originally set in a marine park.

The Niagara screening takes place at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School at 7 p.m.

It will be a fundraiser for the legal expenses of Marineland 'whistle blowers' who have spoken out against the park in the past year. Marineland has filed six lawsuits in response, including against former Marineland employees Phil Demers ($1.5 million), Christine Santos ($1.2 million) and Jim Hammond ($1.5 million), as well as local activist Mike Garrett ($1.5 million) and the Toronto Star ($7 million).

> **"The first time I saw Blackfish, I was hit with a combination of emotions all at once."**
>
> *—Former SeaWorld trainer Samantha Berg*

Former SeaWorld trainer Samantha Berg, who is featured in the film, will also attend the Niagara screening.

"The first time I saw Blackfish, I was hit with a combination of emotions all at once," says Berg, now an acupuncturist in Alaska. " I felt my heart leap when I remembered how it felt the first time I ever swam with a killer whale, but I was also horrified to discover how SeaWorld went about capturing killer whales to stock their parks.

"I felt deep embarrassment and shame for never considering how the animals got to SeaWorld in the first place while I was working at the park."

Garrett, whose run-ins with Marineland park owner John Holer can be found on YouTube, says getting the film in Niagara – even for one night – "is extremely important being that we have Marineland, a captive mammal facility within close proximity."

He says marine parks have controlled the message through decades of TV and radio commercials, but Blackfish tells a whole different story.

"This film has the power to change people's minds, it has impact."

While protests continue at Marineland, they are less vocal this year after an injunction obtained against local group Marineland Animal Defense which prohibits the use of megaphones and phrases like "torture" and "abuse" on signs. In addition, the park has leased two new sections of land from the city, including a front section utilized by protesters for years.

Garrett spoke against the leases at an August council meeting, and hopes every Niagara Falls city councilor sees Blackfish.

"It is my hope Niagara area politicians will attend this screening with an open mind to learn about the other side of captivity."

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Official site of the
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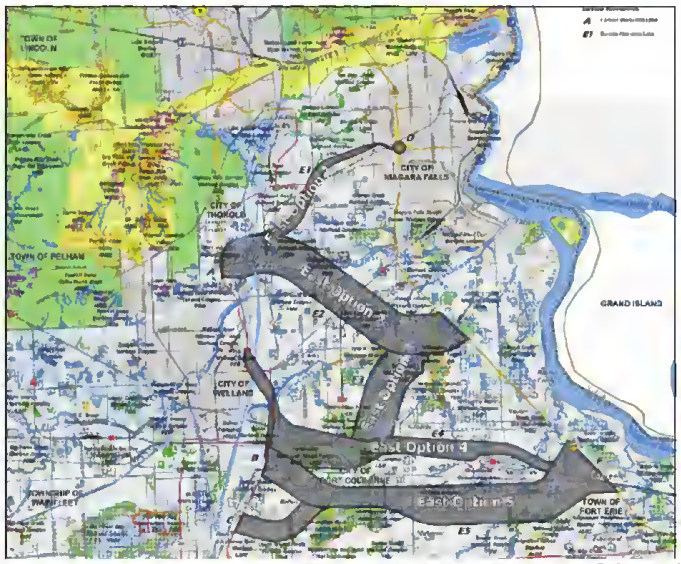
New south Niagara highway recommended

Matt Day
QMI Agency Niagara

A new four-lane highway between Hwy. 406 in Welland and the QEW in Fort Erie is getting closer to becoming a reality following a Ministry of Transportation report released Wednesday.

A summary of the ministry's Niagara to Greater Toronto Area transportation development strategy put the brakes on a new mid-peninsula corridor connecting Fort Erie to Burlington, but recommended spending $1 billion to $1.5 billion on a new south Niagara highway.

The report includes other recommendations to bring GO rail service to Niagara and adding two lanes to the QEW — increasing the size to eight lanes — between Hwy. 406 and the Burlington Skyway.



MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION Submitted

Five options of a new four-lane highway connecting the QEW to Highway 406 are shown in this illustration from a Ministry of Transportation report.

Fort Erie Mayor Doug Martin said he was told months ago the ministry had no intentions of proceeding with the mid-pen corridor, but is on board with connecting the QEW to Hwy. 406. The report lays out five different route options from starting points in Niagara Falls, south down towards Fort Erie.

"Access at Netherby Rd. would be good for Welland and Port Colborne and be the most logical," Martin said, adding if a new south Niagara hospital is built at the QEW and Lyons Creek, constructing a new highway closer to it would make sense as well.

The study was initiated in 2007. Ministry spokesman Bob Nichols said the completion of the strategy represents the conclusion of Phase 1 of the study.

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Fort Erie Meteors Josh Micaleff, left, Mac Passero and Nigel Slade with the rest of their team during last Saturday's opening ceremonies that kicked off the 2013-14 regular season. This season marks the 35-year anniversary since the Meteors won the league championship and several members of the winning team were in attendance to celebrate.

KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie Meteors captain Nik Passero shakes hands with dozens of alumni who were in attendance for a pre-game ceremony before the Jr. B team's home opener last Saturday.

Meteors downed first two games

The Fort Erie Meteors have one point in three games to begin the 2013-14 regular season.

The Jr. B squad faced their rivals from up Hwy. 3 on Friday night and were on the losing end of a 5-4 shootout.

Scoring for the Meteors in the season opener were Bryce Biller, Mitchell Pearce, Carson Johnstone, Jesse Pereira.

Captain Nik Passero assisted on two goals.

Goalie Josh Rosettani was given the start and made 27 saves on the 31 shots he faced.

The following night, the Niagara Falls Canucks rolled down the QEW into the Leisureplex and won 5-1.

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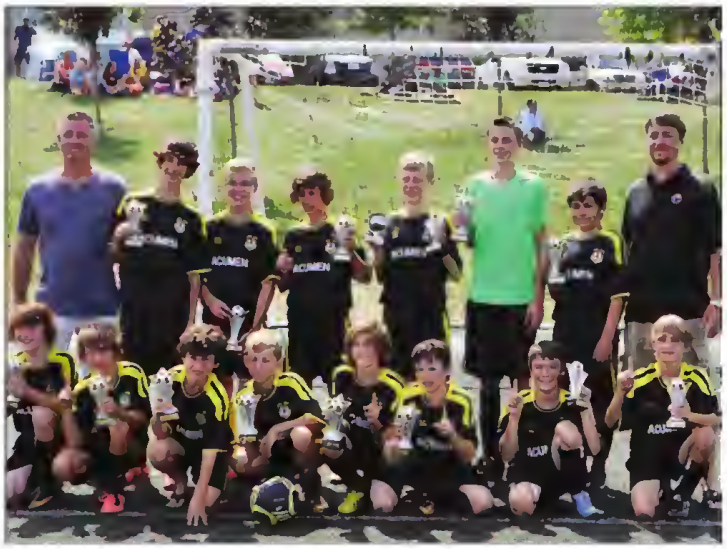

Submitted

The Fort Erie U-13 Boy's Acumen Travel Team won the Unionville Soccer Tournament recently. They played an outstanding team defense only allowing one goal against over the entire tournament. Pictured here are Matthew Fang, Matthew Bolton, Alex Toppazzini, Preston Ebersole, Trey Fischer, Kenny Hoage, Harrison Reinhardt, Liam Solomon, Rob Ioanidis (assistant coach), Ty Cirasolo, Thomas Cochrane, Hunter Zimmerman, Patrick Ioanidis (Tournament MVP), Bandon Hilston, Jacob Bobak and Jonathan Solomon (head coach). The team's coaching staff wants to say congratulations on all the success.

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This same problem could exist when patients mix alcohol and opiates.

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First faceoff

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The Fort Erie Meteors winning the first faceoff on home ice this season last Saturday against Niagara Falls.

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Meteors will face Welland at home on Saturday

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Jesse Pereira scored the Meteors' lone goal and Connor Visca was given the start between the pipes, making 22 saves with 27 shots on goal from Niagara Falls.

The Meteors will play the St. Catharines Falcons on Friday and welcome the Welland Jr. Canadians for a 7:15 p.m. puck drop this Saturday.

Submitted

Fort Erie residents Mike Longboat, left and Seth 'Blue' Hill after winning the President's Cup.

Two Fort Erie lacrosse players win prestigious title

Kris Dubé
Editor

Mike Longboat and Seth 'Blue' Hill have been waiting for this moment for too long.

On Labour Day weekend, the St. Catharines Saints Senior 'B' lacrosse team headed to the President's Cup, a national championship that's considered the cream of the crop in when it comes to the sport's semi-pro circuit in Canada.

The team's 25- man roster is comprised of many Niagara players and two of them are Hill and Longboat, from Fort Erie.

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by Alaina Hillier, M.Cl.Sc
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Mr. Berman's Active/Current files have (unless otherwise instructed) been transferred to the law firm of Lancaster, Brooks & Welch LLP with offices in St. Catharines and Welland, the contact person for which is Mr. Stanleigh Palka at (905)641-1551.

Mr. Berman's Wills and Powers of Attorney documents have been acquired by the law firm of Calvin Beresh located in Niagara Falls, the contact person for which is Mr. Calvin Beresh at (905)357-5555.

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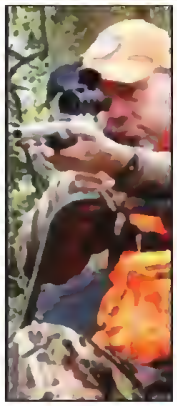

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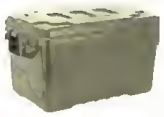

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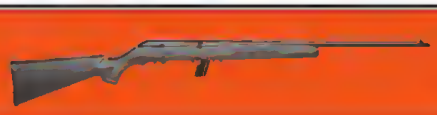

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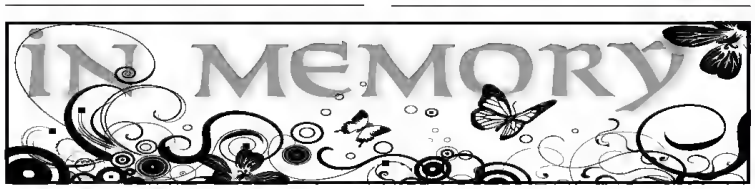
SOMMERVILLE, Robert (Bob) Lindley (O.D. University of Waterloo) - Peacefully surrounded by family at Maple Park Lodge, Fort Erie on September 7, 2013 at the age of 91 years. Beloved husband of the late Dora (2010) for 66 years. Cherished father of David Sommerville (Susan) and Julie Detenbeck (Stewart). Dear granddad of Heidi Blom (Anton) and Alana Detenbeck (Roy Bacot). Great granddad to Talia and Naia Blom. Robert will also be sadly missed by his sister Loreen Dundar (Clarence), sister-in-law Jessie Martin and many nieces and nephews. Robert was predeceased by his parents Wallace and Ethel Sommerville. Born July 18, 1922 in Hamilton, ON, graduated from Delta Collegiate. Served in the Canadian Navy for 3 years as a visual signalman on the Corvette HMCS Snowberry in the North Atlantic and Bay of Biscay and later on the Destroyer HMCS Niagara out of Halifax. He graduated in 1949 from the School of Optometry in Toronto and obtained his doctor of Optometry from University of Waterloo as a graduate student. He set up his Optometric Practice in Fort Erie in 1949, retiring in 1996. He has been a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry since 1954 and was president for several years of the Niagara Frontier Society of Optometrists (International) and also served on the executive of the Ontario Assoc. of Optometrists. He was active in Central Ave. United Church, Clerk of Session for several years and later on as a Chairman of the Board of Trustees. As an active and enthusiastic gardener he had two terms as President of the F.E. Horticultural Society. Robert was Past-President of the F.E. Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, served on the executive of the F.E. Kinsmen Club and continued to be active in the K40 Club. He was an active and enthusiastic sailor in the Fireball Class, competing in both the U.S. and Canada and was a charter and forming member of the Parkway Sailing Club and served as its second Commodore. In later years he was an avid windsurfer, often seen in front of his home on the Niagara Parkway. He had a deep interest in oil painting as well as photography and acted as President in both Welland Colour Slide Club and later the Fort Erie Camera Club. His keen interest in nature and birding was enhanced by his active membership in the Buffalo Ornithological Society for 35 years. His interest in music was enhanced while a member of the Board of the Niagara Symphony Association. Bob volunteered his time and services to his local community and as far away as the Caribbean. He will be mostly remembered for his love and support for his family. A sincere thank-you to Dr. Scher and the staff at Garrison Place and Maple Park Lodge for all of the kindness, care and compassion offered to Bob and our family. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES,** 722 Ridge Rd. N., Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral Service will be held at the Williams Chapel on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Reception will be followed by interment at McAffee Cemetery. In memoriam contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Society.

GREGORY, Dorothy - Passed away unexpectedly at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on September 3rd. 2013. Loving wife of the late Kenneth Gregory. Cherished mother of Glenn (Diane), Kent (Luisa) and Maureen (Stephen) Wright. Adored grandmother of Gillian (Brandon), Meghan, Sydnie, Amira, Fatima and Moe and great grandmother of Layla. She will forever be remembered by Kathy McIntyre and family, her many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends. Dorothy was a long-time and active member of St. Paul's Anglican Church. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Thursday September 5th from 2-4 & 6-9. Funeral Services will be held at St Paul's Anglican Church on Friday at 11am. If so desired, donations to the Ontario Heart and Stroke foundation would be appreciated by the family.

TEAL, Verna R. - On Monday September 9th, 2013, Verna peacefully passed away at Maple Park Lodge at the age of 77 years. Beloved wife and best friend of Nayland "Rusty" for 58 years, loving mother of Wendy (Pete) Fletcher, Brad, Bret and Cindy (Don) Beach; cherished grandmother of Jesse, Sarah (Karl), Nathan (Kerissa), Carlie (Dan) and great grandmother of Robert, Andrew and Charlie. Verna will be remembered for her many years of volunteering as a helper at Ridgeway Public School. She was an active member of the Ridgeway Lioness, receiving many awards for her loyalty and dedication.

"We'll always have a jingle in our pocket"

WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES, 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. A private family service will be held. In memory of Verna, those who wish, may make a memorial donation to the Parkinson Society of Canada.



ZAREK, Krystyna - After a courageous struggle Krystyna passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Friday, September 6, 2013. Born in Przeworsk, Poland on November 24, 1926 she was the beloved wife of the late Mieczyslaw Zarek. Proud mother of Anna (Jack) Brewster, Maggie Berrett and Izebel (David) Flowers. Cherished grandmother of JJ (Nikki), Jennifer (Rich), Michelle (Ryan), Kyle, Andrew end Kitt. Loving great grendmother of Jake and Bianca. A proud and active member of the community, she belonged to St. Micheels Roman Catholic Church, the Catholic Church Women's League, the Canedian Air Force Associetion, Royel Canedian Legion Br. 71, the Fort Erie Horticultural Society end volunteered with the Canedian Blood Service, the Girl Guides of Caneda and the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES,** 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The fenily received friends on Monday from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mess wes celebreted at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church on Tuesday, September 10th at 11 o'clock. Interment followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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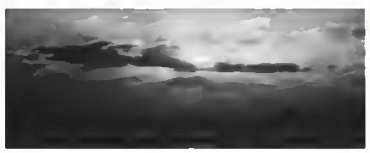

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Cup victory something Hill has had his sights set on for 15 years

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The Saints defeated the home team from Kahnawake, Que., by a score of 8-5 in the championship game.

What makes the tournament so unique and tests each team's endurance is that advancing to the final showdown requires eight games played in seven days.

"They say this is the toughest cup to win for that reason," said Hill.

Battling an injury in recent months, Longboat was asked to re-join the team for his leadership and experience to support the team.

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Both players have ben to the tournament three times in their careers but had never made it to the final game until this year.

Hill said the victory was one of the most emotional times in his life, considering he has dreamed of winning the President's Cup for 15 years.

> **"I was in tears when I hoisted the cup and to win it with good friends and family is even better."**
>
> *— Seth 'Blue' Hill*

"I was in tears when I hoisted the cup and to win it with good friends and family is even better," said Hill.

The Saints' regular season record was 12-3.

The owner and general manager of the Saints is Dave Colbourne, a former Fort Erie resident.

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Monday, Sept. 16, 1 pm

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ALEXIS O'NEILL

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1 and 7 pm

Children's author Alexis O'Neill will talk about her latest book, the story of Homan Walsh, who flew his kite over the Niagara Gorge and into history! Grades 3 and up welcome, with a chat for 'kids at heart' and aspiring writers in the evening

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Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1 pm

One of Canada's most distinguished broadcast journalists, author of three novels including Giller Prize winner The *Bishop's Man* and two non-fiction works. Sponsored in part by the Canada Council for the Arts.

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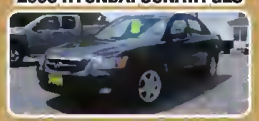
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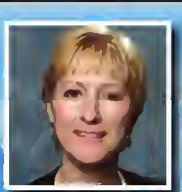

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